

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – July 17th 2026



Staff retirements

Today we say a fond farewell to two much loved and valued members of staff, Miss Wright and Miss Minto. I would like to thank them for their many years of dedicated service to our school.

Jo Wright

After 30 years at our school, Miss Wright retires having made an outstanding contribution to generations of children. Since joining in 1995, she has taught across a range of year groups and, as our Music Lead, inspired countless pupils through choir, performances and memorable musical opportunities, including this year's Angels of the North Massed Choir at The Glasshouse.



Jo's kindness, enthusiasm and unwavering commitment have made a lasting impact on our school community. We wish her every happiness in retirement as she looks forward to becoming a Grandma in September and enjoying more time with family and travel!

Rachel Minto

Miss Minto retires after 29 years of dedicated service, having joined our school in 1997. During her career, she has taught across many year groups, led several curriculum areas, most recently Modern Foreign Languages, and supported countless children as a Reading Recovery and Specialist Reading Teacher.

Miss Minto has also made a significant contribution beyond the classroom through her role as Staff Governor and her commitment to residential visits and wider school life. Her knowledge, humour and dedication will be greatly missed. We wish her every happiness in retirement as she enjoys spending more time with her dog Flora, and embarks on new travel adventures.

I'd like to thank both of these amazing teachers for their exceptional commitment, professionalism and care for generations of children over so many years. Their contributions have helped shape our school community, and we wish them both long, happy and fulfilling retirements. They will be a huge miss to our school and staff.

Year 6

This term, we also say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children as they move on to the next stage of their education. It has been a privilege to watch them grow and develop into the kind, confident and resilient young people they are today. They have been fantastic role models for our younger pupils and have made a lasting contribution to school life.

We know they are more than ready for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead in high school, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. While we will miss them greatly, we wish each and every one of them every success and happiness for the future.

For some families, this also marks the end of many years as part of our school community. We are grateful for the support, encouragement and partnership we have shared over the years, and it is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye. Thank you for being such an important part of our school family. We hope you look back on your time here with many happy memories, and we wish you all the very best for the future!

Bags for September

A small request for the start of the Autumn Term: please could children just bring their school book bag and a PE bag to school, rather than a large backpack. We have limited space in our cloakrooms, and larger bags can be difficult to store safely on the pegs. Keeping bags to a smaller size helps us maintain a tidy, safe environment and makes it much easier for children to access their belongings. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Welcome back

We are delighted to welcome Miss Hogarth back to school following her maternity leave. It has been lovely to have her back with us in the office, and we know the children and staff are pleased to see her return.



Thank you

I would like to thank all families for completing the family survey about educational visits, I really appreciate the feedback and suggestions. At the start of Autumn term I will share the overall feedback from the survey in the first newsletter.

As another successful school year comes to an end, I would like to thank all of our children, families, staff and governors for your continued support throughout the year. I hope everyone has a safe, happy and relaxing summer break, with plenty of time to rest and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming all of our children back to school on Wednesday 2nd September!

Tracey Taylor
Headteacher